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1. The Horch plant (VEB IFA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Horch), Zwickau, employs about 5,000. Work is carried on in one normal and three special shifts. No Russians are employed at the plant. The general manager is Uhlmann (fnu) (SED). Schott (SED) is personnel manager and chief Party activist. Raw material (sheet iron and steel) is obtained from the Riesa steel works and rolling mill (VEB Stahl und Walzwerk, Riesa VVB Bräunbergbau). The following types of motor vehicles are produced:

- a. H3A, a Horch 3-ton vehicle for use by the Volkspolizei as a troop carrier
- b. HK1, an open cross-country vehicle for VoPo use (about 50 were produced in the second half of 1952)
- c. Z3, a 3-ton tractor for VoPo use
- d. H3B, a 3-ton bus
- e. F9, a motor car for VoPo officers and East German Government authorities, and a special car (called a Stoerwagen) of which 50 or so were produced in the second half of 1952.

The total output per diem is 27 motor vehicles. The plant is guarded by some 35-40 VoPo with 3 watchdogs.

2. The location of the plant in Zwickau (Weissenborn) is shown in Figure 1; the layout of the actual plant is sketched in Figure 2.

The various installations shown in Figure 2, are numbered as follows:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Main entrance | 13) Tube bending |
| 2), 3) Gates | 14), 15) Varnish and acids |
| 4) Fire service | 16) Forge |
| 5), 6) Repairs | 17) Incinerator |
| 7) Canteen | 18) Wheel fitting |
| 8) Crankshafts | 19) Offices |
| 9) Elevated structure (Hochbau) | 20) Sheds |
| 10) Upholstering shop | 21) Repairs |
| 11) Gear cutting | 22) Kitchens |
| 12) Stamping presses | 23) Old administrative building |

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| 24) Old boiler house | 43) Castings storeroom |
| 25) Carpenters | 44) Goods entrance with 3-ton crane |
| 26) Galvanizing | 45) Vehicle parking lot |
| 27) Test bay for HKI vehicles | 46) Store room |
| 28) Sheds | 47) Chassis construction |
| 29) Apprentices' school | 48) Fitters |
| 30) Transport | 49) New chimney |
| 31) Sheet metal cutting | 50) New boiler house |
| 32) Steel storeroom | 51) New crane |
| 33) Cloakrooms and basement | 52) Old crane |
| 34) Despatch | 53) Sidings |
| 35) Main tool storeroom | 54) Recreation rooms |
| 36) Electrical Department (Elektrostadion) | 55) Administrative offices with clinic |
| 37) Coachbuilders for F9 vehicles | 56) Apprentices' workshop |
| 38) Paint shop | |
| 39) Toolmakers | |
| 40) Machine constructors | |
| 41) Shop, 300 m. long with endless belt for H3 vehicles | |
| 42) Varnishing shop | |

3. Notes on buildings

The materials of which the buildings listed in para 2 above are made are as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Material</u>
1) - 3)	brick (with iron gates)
4) - 13)	brick
14), 15)	corrugated iron
16), 17)	stone
18)	corrugated iron
19)	stone
20)	wood
21), - 27)	stone
28)	wood
29)	wood and stone
30), - 45)	stone
46)	wood
47), - 56)	stone

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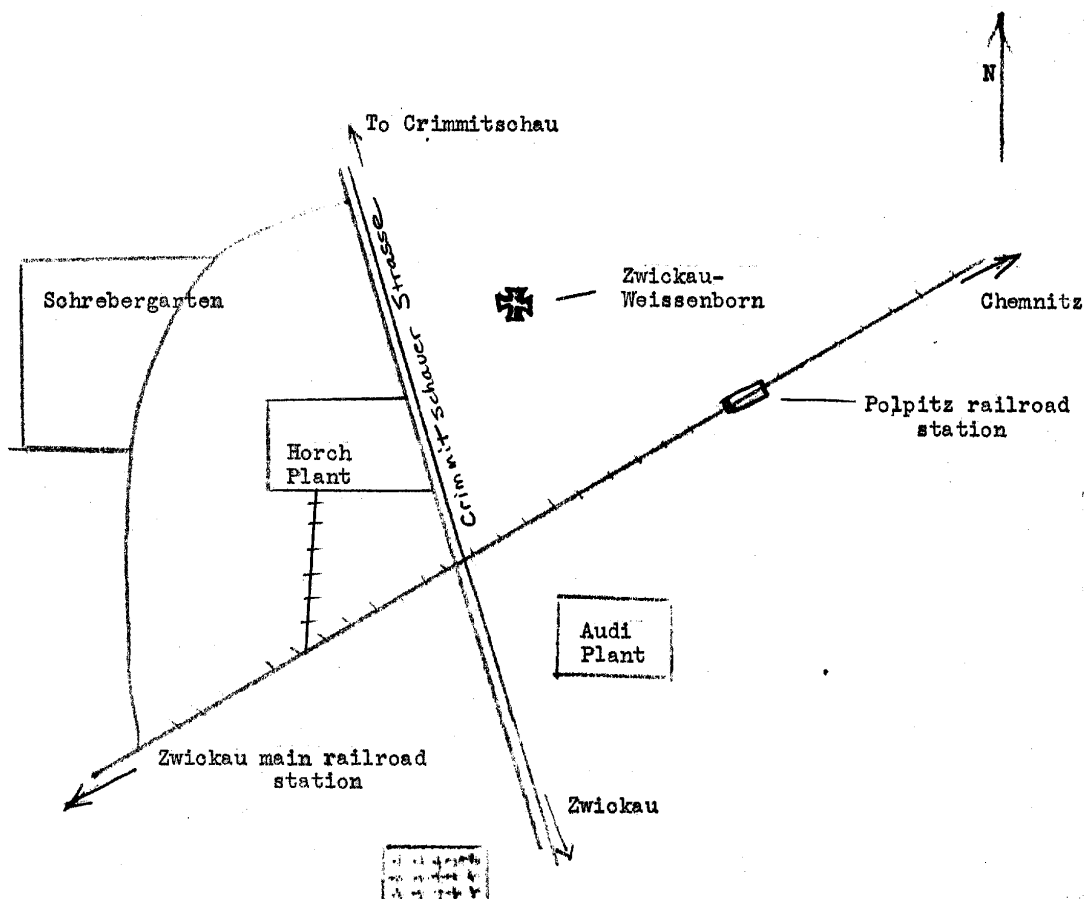
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Figure 1

VEB IEA Kraftfahrzeugwerk Horch
Zwickau



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Crimmitschau



**Town
Center**

Wire fence, 2 meters high

Chemnitz

Zwickau

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